

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: A. Yamashita : Art Unit:  
Serial No.: To Be Assigned : Examiner:  
Filed: Herewith :  
FOR: METHOD OF CREATING A :  
PLURALITY OF PARTITIONS ON :  
REMOVALBE DEVICE :

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR :

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

After the title and before the first paragraph, please insert --THIS  
APPLICATION IS A U.S. NATIONAL PHASE APPLICATION OF PCT  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION PCT/JP00/01569--

On pages 4-5, lines 25-1, please delete "gaining access to connection  
of peripherals with the computer base unit 100" and substitute therefore  
--connecting the computer-base unit 100 to peripheral devices, and for accessing  
from the computer-base unit 100 to the connected peripheral devices--